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Drinking Water in Tribal Areas
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the tribal population covered with safe drinking water in each State/UT of the country;

(b) Whether the tribal people in almost all districts are struggling to meet daily requirement of drinking water;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

(a) The details of the tribal population covered with safe drinking water in each State / UT (as on date 18.07.2016) is at Annexure. The details includes categorization of habitations namely Fully Covered habitations [getting at least 40 litres per capita per day (lpcd)], Partially Covered habitations [getting less than 40 lpcd] and Quality Affected habitations (getting water which has chemical contamination) with populations.

(b) to (d) Rural Drinking Water Supply is a State subject and this Ministry under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) provides technical & financial assistance to all States / UT to achieve its objectives. Under NRDWP, 10 % of the total allocation of funds is earmarked to be used for the supply of drinking water to ST dominated habitations. States have been directed to take special care for the implementation of its schemes / programmes in tribal areas and report its progress separately on the online Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of this Ministry. As reported in IMIS by the States, 58,878 tribal dominated habitations are partially covered and 12,762 tribal dominated habitations are quality affected and the State Governments are asked to focus on these habitations on priority basis to provide safe drinking water as per norms.